

REMARKS

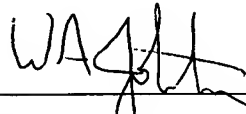
Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2-18 were allowed and claims 21-30 were rejected. By entry of this amendment, claims 21-30 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new claims have been added. Consequently, claims 2-18 remain pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims of this application is respectfully solicited. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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